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Vibrant Response exercise tests responses to catastrophic incident

By Staff Sgt. Keith Anderson
ARNORTH Public Affairs

With less than 24 hours until the fictitious detonation of a 10-kiloton nuclear device in a major Midwestern city, military exercise specialists were putting the final touches on a national catastrophic incident exercise that is

testing more than 9,000 service members and civilians in 11 training locations and airfields spread across 5,000 square miles in southern Indiana and northern Kentucky.

Exercise control specialists from U.S. Army North made final preparations July 25 for Vibrant Response 13,

a major field exercise conducted by U.S. Northern Command and led by Army North which began July 26.

Service members and civilians from the military and other federal agencies throughout the country are training to respond in the event of

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Spc. Johnny Harrison (right), transportation coordinator, 620th Movement Control Team, 10th Sustainment Brigade, 10th Mountain Division, wraps up a vehicle inspection July 25 for Soldiers from the 116th Military Police Company, 97th Military Police Battalion, 16th Military Police Brigade, before they leave the staging yard to participate in Vibrant Response 13.

Photo by Staff Sgt. Keith Anderson

ARMY EYE DOCS ASSIST IN DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

U.S. Army Spc. Robert Larkin (left), operating room specialist, and U.S. Army Col. (Dr.) Darrel K. "Casey" Carlton, an ophthalmologist, both from Madigan Health Care System at Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Wash., conduct an eye surgery on a Dominican patient July 25 at the Central Hospital of the Armed Forces in Santo Domingo. Carlton led the U.S. Army Medical Command and U.S. Army South-planned mission and team of ophthalmologists.

The team of Dominican and U.S. doctors conducted more than 350 eye surgeries on adults and children July 10 through 27. For story and more photos, turn to Page 13.

Photo by Lt. Col. Antwan C. Williams



ARNORTH works with 'displaced civilians' to create realistic training scenarios

By Staff Sgt. Keith Anderson
Army North PAO

Working with role-playing civilians from as far away as Michigan and Texas, U.S. Army North service members and civilians created realistic training scenarios involving "sick" and "injured" civilians for the thousands of service members in Indiana for Vibrant Response 13.

Vibrant Response was a major incident exercise conducted by U.S. Northern Command and led by U.S. Army North.

At the Muscatatuck Urban Training Center in Indiana and several other sites, civilians in moulage role-played as victims of a simulated

10-kiloton nuclear detonation in a major Midwestern city.

Service members performed search and extrication missions, decontamination mission, medical triage, medical evacuation, radiation treatment and even fatality search and recovery missions with the role players.

"At Muscatatuck, there were 200 role-players and 11 displaced civilian facilitators," said Staff Sgt. William Velez, one of the ARNORTH facilitators working with the civilians.

"It's a 12-hour day for the role-players. They start early in moulage, then work three hours on, one off, and so on."

Chrissy Branum, one of

the role-players from nearby North Vernon, Ind., said the facilitators ensured she got plenty of water and stayed in the shade as much as possible. She said the work was pretty good.

"The waiting and the heat is the hardest part," said Branum. "It's lots of fun, and the make-up is fun. The Army North facilitators have been very professional and helpful."

Oscar Vargas, a mechanical engineering major at the University of Texas-El Paso, traveled all the way from Texas to Indiana to work as a role player.

"It's something new, a new

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Transition GPS program will help transitioning troops get jobs

By Lisa Daniel
American Forces Press Service

A redesigned program for service members separating from the military will help veterans better apply the experience they've gained in uniform, according to Defense Secretary Leon E. Panetta.

President Barack Obama announced the revamped program, called "Transition GPS," in a speech July 24 at the Veterans of Foreign Wars national convention in Reno, Nev.

"Our personnel have developed extraordinary technical expertise and world-class leadership skills that are in high demand," Panetta said in a statement.

"Transition GPS will help military members apply their experience to additional training, formal education, and develop successful civilian

careers."

Transition GPS is the first major overhaul of the military's Transition Assistance Program, or TAP, in nearly 20 years, White House officials said.

TAP was developed by an interagency team from the departments of Defense, Veterans Affairs, Labor, Education and Homeland Security, as along with the Office of Personnel and Management and the Small Business Administration.

Veterans Affairs Secretary Eric K. Shinseki said the redesign will better ensure that veterans today and in the future will receive the care and benefits they have earned.

"One of our fundamental responsibilities as a government is to properly prepare and support those serving in our mili-

tary so they are career ready as they transition back into civilian life," Shinseki said.

"This collaborative effort will have an impact well beyond this current generation of individuals returning from combat."

The redesign is being developed by the Veterans Employment Initiative Task Force created in August to help separating service members successfully transition to the civilian workforce, start a business, or pursue higher education.

TAP consisted of pre-separation counseling and a voluntary, three-day workshop from the departments of Labor, Defense and Veterans Affairs that was presented at selected military installations and attended by nearly half of the service members who separated

from the services each year, White House officials said.

Transition GPS is designed to strengthen, standardize and expand counseling and guidance for service members before leaving the military, and transform the military's approach to education, training, and credentialing, they added.

Transition GPS is to be implemented throughout the military by the end of 2013.

It will:

- Extend the current three-day transition program to five to seven days;
- Offer individual assessment and counseling, including an individual transition plan;
- Include a five-day curriculum of financial planning, available veterans' benefits and services

and a redesigned employment workshop;

- Include a "Military Occupational Code Crosswalk" to translate military skills, training and experiences into civilian occupations and credentialing;
- Include optional training specific to pursuing higher education, technical skills and training, or starting a business;
- Include a "capstone" event to verify that the participant is career-ready;
- Give a "warm handover" to appropriate government agencies and organizations for continued benefits, services and support of veterans; and
- Create a "Military Life Cycle Transition Model" to incorporate career readiness and transition preparation early into a service member's career.

All-Day Appointments for CAC/ID Cards

The 502 Air Base Wing replaced the walk-in customer services at its main ID Card/CAC issuance facilities with an all-day appointment-only process for all military members, retirees, dependents, civil service employees and contractor customers. Appointment times are 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, scheduled in 20-minute intervals. Changes to existing ID Card/CAC and DEERS services only affect the main DEERS ID Card/CAC issuance facilities at these locations: 502nd Force Support Squadron, Building 367, Fort Sam Houston, 221-0415; 802nd Force Support Squadron, Building 5616, Lackland AFB, 671-4178; and 902nd Force Support Squadron, Building 399, Randolph AFB, 652-1845. Customers can schedule appointments at any of these facilities by visiting <https://rapids-appointments.dmdc.osd.mil/> or call the numbers listed to set up an appointment.

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Walters Street Entrance Lane Switch Aug. 6

Yantis Company, the prime contractor for the City of San Antonio's Walters Street reconstruction project, will be switching traffic from the old pavement along the east side of Walters Street to the new pavement along the west side of Walters Street pavement. The traffic switch starts at 8 a.m. Aug. 6. The traffic switch to the new pavement will be from Hood Street to Interstate 35. Once the traffic is switched, Carson Street will be reopened on the west side and the east side of Carson Street will be closed. Inbound and outbound access to Fort Sam Houston will be maintained.

Lincoln Military Housing Back to School Bash

Lincoln Military Housing hosts a quarterly town hall and back to school bash for LMH residents at 6 p.m. Aug. 2 at the main resident center, Building 407.

Saturday Vet Vaccine Clinic

The Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston Veterinary Clinic holds a y that we will be having a Saturday vaccine clinic from 9 a.m. to noon Aug. 11 at Building 2635. Call 808-6105 for information.

Common Access Card Replacement Notification

The Defense Manpower and Data Center recently began sending notices to military and civilian personnel to replace 64K and 72K Common Access Cards currently in their possession. The DMDC is contacting affected personnel via email with instructions to replace their CAC regardless of the card's expiration date. People who receive an email directing them to replace their CAC, or should they receive one in the future and they have not renewed their card within the last 60 days, follow the guidance in the email and schedule an appointment as soon as possible by logging onto <https://rapids-appointments.dmdc.osd.mil>. Appointments are available at all ID card facilities throughout Joint Base San Antonio.

FSH Thrift Shop Opens for Donations

The Spouses' Club of the Fort Sam Houston Area is opening a thrift shop on Fort Sam Houston and is open to receive donations on Wednesdays and Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Applications for volunteers will also be

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600-foot bridge complete on Binz-Engleman, low-water crossing no longer an issue

By Lori Newman
JBSA-FSH News Leader

City officials and military leaders held a ribbon-cutting ceremony July 24 to officially open the 600-foot span bridge on Binz-Engleman Road.

The newly constructed bridge allows traffic to flow freely to and from Interstate Highway 35, San Antonio Military Medical Center and Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston. Previously, the road would close during heavy rains because of the low water crossing over Salado Creek.

The San Antonio City Council awarded the \$2.9 million contract to Rozco Contracting Inc.,

with Jacobs Engineering Group Inc. as the design consultant.

Of the total, \$2.7 million was funded by the city's 2007-2012 Bond Program and San Antonio Water System paid \$250,151.

During the short ceremony, District 2 City Councilwoman Ivy Taylor thanked the military community for their service.

"We are happy that we could provide better access to help facilitate the work you do," Taylor said.

Brig. Gen. Theresa Carter, Joint Base San Antonio and 502nd Air Base Wing commander, reciprocated by thanking Taylor and city lead-



A new 600-foot span bridge is now open on Binz-Engleman Road. Previously the road would close during heavy rains because of the low water crossing over Salado Creek.



Photos by Lori Newman

District 2 City Councilwoman Ivy Taylor (center) and Brig. Gen. Theresa Carter (right), Joint Base San Antonio and 502nd Air Base Wing commander cut the ribbon July 24 officially opening the new 600-foot span bridge on Binz-Engleman Road. Mike Frisbie, director of the City of San Antonio's Capital Improvements Management Services Department and the San Antonio Spurs coyote also lent a hand.

ers for their support.

The general also thanked the citizens of San Antonio for voting for the Bond Program that funded the project, and the engineering team and San Antonio Water System for their contributions.

"It is my honor to be here and cut the ribbon on behalf of the 45,000 folks who come to work every day on Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston," Carter said.

The general ex-

plained how the bridge would improve access to SAMMC for service members and their families as well as Fort Sam Houston Fire Department emergency personnel.

"This bridge symbolizes the unbreakable bond between the citizens of San Antonio and all of the military here on JBSA-Fort Sam Houston," Carter said.

"In many ways it's a symbol of our enduring friendship and the

lasting partnership that I think will be here for years to come," the general added.

The bridge has already proved its value during the recent heavy rains earlier this month.

"It's going to keep this road open during even the biggest storms we get," said Mike Frisbie, director of the City of San Antonio's Capital Improvements Management Services Department.

BAMC recognized as one of the nation's 'Most Wired Hospitals'

By Jennifer Rodriguez
BAMC Public Affairs

Brooke Army Medical Center was named as "A Top Wired Hospital in the United States" according to the 2012 Most Wired Survey in the July issue of Hospitals and Health Net-

works magazine.

Of the hospitals recognized, BAMC was one of three Army Medical Command facilities selected for "Most Wired" merit out of 1,572 hospitals throughout the United States who submitted packets.

BAMC shared the

honor with Army facilities: Madigan Army Medical Center at Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Wash.; Womack Army Medical Center at Fort Bragg, N.C.; and the University Health System, a civilian hospital



Photo by Maria Gallegos

The Brooke Army Medical Center, information management division helped BAMC in being recognized as a "Most Wired Hospital."

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taken at this time. The projected opening date is Aug. 15. The shop is located at 3100 Zinn, Building 1154, near the Outdoor Recreation Center. For more information, call 221-5794.

Colorful Contest Offers Opportunity To Win

The Army and Air Force Exchange Service and Crayola are inviting military children to show their colorful side for a chance at a \$250 shopping spree in the "Crayola Coloring Contest." Authorized shoppers 16 years old and younger can go to <http://www.shopmyexchange.com/Community/patriotfamily> to download and print the official contest illustration and find complete rules. The contest runs through Aug. 25. Entries will be judged on creativity and skill level. One winner in each age group (under 4, 5-8, 9-12 and 12-16) receive a \$250 Crayola shopping spree.

Suicide Intervention Skills Training Offered

Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training (ASIST) is currently being offered for Joint Base San Antonio active duty members, civilians, and family members. The training will be held on the last Thursday and Friday of every month. Call 221-1696 to register, as seating is limited.

Army Benefits Center Civilian Notice

On Fridays through Sept. 21, the Army Benefits Center Civilian counselors will not be available by phone between noon and 6 p.m. The ABC-C website will be available at <https://www.abc.army.mil> to make transactions thru the Employee Benefits Information System. In addition, the automated phone line will be available for employees to make transactions that do not require counselor assistance.

New training support center to open

The Army Support Activity, Fort Sam Houston, will open a new training support center in October on Garden Road. The new TSC will replace the old facility located in the warehouse section in Building 4196. The new facility will house a variety of training aids to include, graphic training aids and simulators for training. For more information, call 221-1927.

AMEDDC&S celebrates 237 years of military medicine

By Esther Garcia
AMEDDC&S Public Affairs

Staff and faculty at the Army Medical Department Center and School gathered at Blesse Auditorium June 27 to celebrate the 237th Birthday of the AMEDD Regiment and recognize some of their top people.

"This celebration is about all of our corps and the great traditions and legacies we have," said Maj. Gen. Philip Volpe, AMEDDC&S commanding general and host for the ceremony.

"The officer corps, the enlisted corps, our NCOs, and the civilian corps ... through many years have come together as a team to better serve our service members and their families whether on a garrison installation or on battlefield around the world," the general added.

Guests at the ceremony included Alice Neel, widow of Maj. Gen. Spurgeon Neel, an Army physician who pioneered the development of aeromedical evacuation of battlefield casualties, and retired Brig. Gen. Charles Elia, of the

veterinary Corps, who turned 91 years old.

The keynote speaker was Dr. Dale Smith, senior vice president of the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences, who provided the history of military medicine contributions to advances in civilian medicine beginning in 1775 to the current wars.

"The AMEDD is more than 200 yrs old and it is important to remember that while we frequently call that the Medical Corps' birthday, the people that came to support soldiers in 1775 were not commissioned, they were civilian doctors," Smith said.

"Those people, some of whom had medical degrees and some whom were health providers, met all the roles that all corps meet today, Smith added. "Dentist, farriers and veterinarians, nurses, and the ambulance corps all came from that same root.

"Today, they all still work together to do that exact same mission. Take care of those that are hurt in the battlefield, conserve the fighting strength, and

when the nation needs them, become the first responders in times of humanitarian disaster."

Volpe presented Smith with a certificate appointing him as an adjunct professor with the Academy of Health Sciences, AMEDDC&S, for his accomplishments as an educator and historian.

In a special presentation Volpe recognized another individual, Jacqueline Smith, wife of Master Sgt. John Smith, AMEDDC&S.

Volpe presented the Doctor Mary Walker Award for Smith's volunteer work and her quilt depicting the Army Medical Department crest now inside Blesse Auditorium. Walker was the only woman in the United States history to receive the Medal of Honor and became one of the first women physicians in America in 1855.

The ceremony also included the presentation of the Army Superior Unit Award streamer to the AMEDDC&S banner. AMEDDC&S received the Secretary of the Army award for exceptionally meritorious performance

for the period Jan. 1 to Dec. 31, 2010 in support of overseas contingency operations while simultaneously planning

and executing a complex reorganization under the Base Realignment and Closure directives.



Photo by Esther Garcia

Col. Robert Bridgford (left), vice commander, 502nd Air Base Wing and his wife, Shirley (right), thank Jean Sabido during the AMEDDC&S 237th Birthday celebration in Blesse Auditorium July 27, in appreciation for her lifesaving medical expertise. Sabido is a nurse with the AMEDDC&S Department of Nursing Science.

AMEDDC&S civilian recognized for saving 502nd ABW vice commander

By Esther Garcia
AMEDDC&S Public Affairs

Air Base Wing.

"Jean proved that she knew what she was doing," Brigford said, as he and his wife, Shirley, presented a bouquet of flowers to Sabido. "I want to thank her for myself and on behalf of my family."

Sabido was on the elliptical exercise machine when she heard a thud. She began chest compressions while another individual took care of Bridgford's airways.

"The saving grace was the AED," Sabido said. "Having the AEDs in the gym was worth every penny." Sabido said by the time emergency services arrived the colonel was coming around. "It was quite gratifying," said when asked how she felt when the Bridgford was taken away. "I didn't know then he had two kids, that you can make a difference."

That Soldier happened to be Col. Robert Brigford, vice commander of the 502nd

(From left) Dr. Dale Smith, senior vice president of the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences, Bethesda, Md.; Maj. Gen. Philip Volpe, commanding general, Army Medical Department Center and School; Sgt. 1st Class Jeffrey Ebert, president, Sgt. Audie Murphy Club; and AMEDDC&S Command Sgt. Maj. James Diggs, cut the celebrating the 237th Birthday of the AMEDD Regiment during the a social at the AMEDD Museum July 27.

Photo by Esther Garcia



5TH RECRUITING BRIGADE CHANGES COMMAND



Courtesy photo

Col. L. Wayne Magee Jr. (left) accepts the 5th Recruiting Brigade colors from Maj. Gen. David L. Mann, commanding general of the U.S. Army Recruiting Command, at the brigade's change of command ceremony at the historic Quadrangle July 20. Magee takes over for Col. Christopher P. Himsl (right) and comes to the brigade after serving as transportation division chief, CJ4/7, U.S. Forces Korea. He has served twice with the Recruiting Command, as a battalion commander in Montgomery, Ala., and as the G3 at command headquarters. Himsl had been with the brigade for two years and heads to U.S. Forces Korea as the chief of the All Source Analysis and Warning Division.

U.S. ARMY PUBLIC HEALTH COMMAND-SOUTH WELCOMES NEW COMMANDER



Photo by Lori Newman

Maj. Gen. Jimmie O. Keenan, commanding general of U.S. Army Public Health Command, passes the colors to Col. Timothy H. Stevenson, incoming commander of USAPHC Region South as Lt. Col. Deydre S. Teyhen, the outgoing commander and Command Sgt. Maj. Dru Gartman look on during a change of command ceremony at the Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston Quadrangle July 27.

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experience,” said Vargas. “When they paint me and I have to act, it’s fun.”

Staff Sgt. Jason Proefrock, another ARNORTH facilitator, said there are a few differences between leading Soldiers and working with civilians.

“The hardest part of managing civilians is that they’re not military,” Proefrock said. “You have to get away from Army jargon.”

Ali Jadou, who was born in Baghdad, Iraq, and has lived in the United States since fourth grade, traveled from Dearborn, Mich.

“I think it’s pretty cool,” Jadou said. “My father served with the Army. I wanted to get the experience working with the military and join the Air Force when I finish college.”

Michael Spina, “displaced civilians” team



Photo by Staff Sgt. Keith Anderson

Staff Sgt. Jason Proefrock (right), ARNORTH displaced civilian facilitator, briefs role players on the next training event July 28 and takes questions from the group.

leader, said the experience working with Army North and the role-players has been special to him.

“I was turned down for Vietnam,” Spina said. “That bothered me all these years.

“Now what am I doing? I’m here with the military; I’m doing something for my country. I put my

heart and soul into this.”

Spina, a former missionary and preacher, said the training that Army North is leading for the nation’s military response forces and the work of the role players is very important.

“The whole purpose of it is to keep people alive,” Spina said.

ARMY CHAPLAINS CORPS CELEBRATES 237TH ANNIVERSARY



Photo by Lori Newman

Chaplain assistant Sgt. Marshal Etheridge (left) from the 502nd Mission Support Group and Chaplain (Col.) Timothy Brady Eggleston from Southern Regional Medical Command cut a cake celebrating the 237th anniversary of the Chaplains Corps. Etheridge was the youngest and Eggleston was oldest member of the Chaplains Corps attending the event. Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston chapel community members enjoyed pizza, cake and an afternoon of bowling at the Fort Sam Houston Bowling Center.

JOINT BASE SAN ANTONIO-FORT SAM HOUSTON SAYS GOODBYE TO RETIRING SOLDIERS



Photo by Sgt. Tamika Exom

Soldiers and family members thanked 11 Soldiers for their service to the nation during a retirement ceremony held at the U.S. Army North quadrangle July 26. Brig. Gen. Orlando Salinas, Deputy Commanding General Unites States Army South, who presided over the ceremony, reminded the Soldiers that even though their active service was nearing an end, they still had a duty to serve as ambassadors for the Army. From left, the retirees are: Col. Mark Bodenheimer, Army Dental Command; Col. Eric Wagner, Army Reserve Control Group; Col. Duane Hill, Army Medical Command; Col. James Furgerson, Brooke Army Medical Center; Command Sgt. Maj. Felix Rodriguez, Army Garrison Livorno Italy; Sgt. Maj. Lana Labay, Army Forces Command; Command Sgt. Maj. Gabriel Cervantes, U.S. Army South; Brig. Gen. Orlando Salinas, deputy commanding general U.S. Army South; Sgt. Maj. Aaron Arch, 32nd Medical Brigade; Master Sgt. Jerry Salyers, 32nd Medical Brigade; Sgt. 1st. Class Harrison Jules, Institute for Surgical Research; Sgt. 1st. Class Darrin Smith, BAMC; and Staff Sgt. Donyell Elkins, 32nd Medical Brigade.

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a catastrophic domestic incident.

“There’s always one more thing to do, and one more detail to get right, before you can exercise any large operation,” said Clark Wigley, Army North joint exercise planner. “And there are always things that come up at the last minute that you haven’t thought of that you have to deal with.”

As an example, Wigley said one of the trucks hauling simulation equipment to Indiana didn’t have the proper hydraulic lift, and that held up delivery of the equipment by a day.

For 1st Lt. Sonia Villarreal, a native of San Antonio who worked at last year’s exercise, this year was more hectic as she serves as the “battle captain,” the operations manager in the exercise



Sgt. 1st Class Rafael Ramos, an Army Reserve Soldier with the 311th Quarter Master Company, 77th Combat Sustainment Support Battalion, 210th Reserve Support Group, rehearses applying “moulage” to another Soldier for Vibrant Response 13.

control group.

“I was here last year as the displaced civilian manager,” Villarreal said. “Operations are a little overwhelming, but it’s a learning process and good experience for a junior officer.”

Members of the Indiana National Guard also made final arrangements before the start of the exercise.

“We were preparing for Vibrant Response for several months,” said Maj. Anthony Gill, exercise control officer-in-charge, Joint Task Force-38, Indiana National Guard.

“We rehearsed everything from setting up tents to refining our operational tempo. We finished integrating some of our simula-



Photo by Staff Sgt. Keith Anderson

Spc. Norma Torres (left), battle staff noncommissioned officer, and 1st Lt. Sonia Villarreal, battle captain, both U.S. Army North, make final preparations July 25 for the kickoff of Vibrant Response 13, a major field training exercise conducted by U.S. Northern Command and led by Army North.

tion equipment with our tactical network so that it functions like the Army’s force-tracking system.”

With the clock ticking down and final arrangements made for smoke pots, mannequins, role-players, training venues,

vehicle and equipment staging, and all the other details that make up large military exercises, the exercise control specialists were prepared for the kickoff.

“We’re ready to rock, no issues,” said Gary Robert Cheesebrew, Army North operations center manager.

Vibrant Response 13 is the second confirmation exercise of the nation’s new Defense Chemical, Biological, Radiological and Nuclear Response Force.

VR13 is preceded by Ardent Sentry and followed by Vigilant Shield. Each exercise encompasses different potential scenarios, such as hurricanes and even homeland invasion.

Joint Task Force-Civil Support, based at Fort Eustis, Va., is the command and control element for the response force.

DODSON TAKES OVER 5TH BRIGADE, U.S. ARMY CADET COMMAND



Photo by 1st Lt. Christine Carter

Col. Bridget M. Rourke (left), the outgoing commander of 5th Brigade, U.S. Army Cadet Command, receives the unit's colors from Command Sgt. Maj. Keith Moore. Maj. Gen. Jefforey A. Smith (second from left), the commanding general of U.S. Army Cadet Command, then received the colors before passing them on to Col. James E. Dodson (far right), the incoming brigade commander, during a change of command ceremony at the Army Medical Department Museum July 20.

201st Military Intelligence Battalion wraps up interrogation training

By Gregory Ripps

470th Military Intelligence Brigade
Public Affairs

Anticipating a deployment overseas before the end of the year, Soldiers of the 470th Military Intelligence Brigade's 201st MI Battalion wrapped up their interrogation training with another week-long exercise on Joint Base San Antonio-Camp Bullis in July.

"This is the last interrogation training event for the battalion," said Lt. Col. Joe Barber, battalion commander, who noted that the training officially began back in February.

"It's an expansion on all the training that has gone on before. It's been a constantly evolving process that improves on itself."

Barber explained that the training objective

is to train Soldiers to provide actionable, or useful, intelligence to the warfighter "on the ground" and to "make that intelligence the best they can produce."

The training, in which Soldiers learned interrogation and analysis processes and management, began with the performance of individual intelligence collection tasks, developed through team and company-level tasks, and culminated in battalion-level intelligence collection tasks.

"They progressed from basic knowledge to advanced knowledge in intelligence collection and intelligence analysis," Barber said.

Chief Warrant Officer 4 Morris Tyson, the battalion's internal control element chief, said the Soldiers trained hard,



Two officers from the 201st Military Intelligence Battalion prepare analysis based on information obtained from a "detainee" during training at the Intelligence Security Command Detention Training Facility at Joint Base San Antonio-Camp Bullis.

were extremely self-critical and maintained a high operations tempo, but kept their morale high.

A veteran of five overseas deployments, Tyson engaged himself in all levels of the interrogation and analysis training process, beginning with scripting the scenarios.

Now the Intelligence and Security Command Detention Training Facility and its staff on JBSA-Camp Bullis make training easier as well as more effective.

"Alignment of resources for intelligence training is a monster," Tyson said. "But now the IDTF takes care of the process."



Photo by Gregory Ripps

Lt. Col. Joe Barber, 201st Military Intelligence Battalion commander, addresses his troops at the close of a week-long exercise at Joint Base San Antonio-Camp Bullis.

Capt. David Dadd, headquarters and headquarters company commander and officer in charge of collection management and dissemination, added that the experienced IDTF staff, which is part of the 470th MI Brigade, provides a state-of-the-art training environment.

The facility, which resembles actual detention facilities in Afghanistan, offers spaces for interrogating "detainees," examining documentation, developing analysis and

observing the exercise as well as the means to monitor, record and share elements of the event.

"We are learning from the best and the brightest in situational development," Dadd said. "And this week everyone came into the exercise with a lot of confidence in their capability in their roles and responsibilities."

"Everyone was willing to help everyone else," Dadd continued. "It's a good battalion to be in because of the Soldiers in it."

New Air Force civilian pay system on the way

By Master Sgt. Cecilio Ricardo
Air Force Public Affairs Agency

All Air Force civilian employees are slated to be using a new, standardized Air Force pay system by June 2013.

The Automated Time Attendance and Production System will standardize the pay method across the service and was implemented first at Air Force Global Strike Command and Air National Guard bases July 29.

According to Doug Bennett, associate deputy assistant secretary for Air Force Financial Operations, the system will be implemented service-wide in eight waves during the next year and is meant to save time so personnel can focus on accomplishing the Air Force mission.

"It allows folks to focus on the mission, and allows the Secretary of the Air Force and Chief of Staff of the Air Force to make informed decisions about where we need to spend our money," Bennett said.

Along with better accountability and efficiency, the system also eliminates paper use. Currently, many Air Force civilians manually report their hours using the old paper-based system, Bennett said.

ATAAPS will allow a user to enter his or her time and have the supervisor approve it electronically, providing an audit trail, while increasing the accuracy of financial statements.

"It's a lot easier to trace timecards when it is centrally located," said Benjamin Yarish, Air

Force Financial Management Information Technology Portfolio manager.

According to an Air Force study 50 percent of the Air Force's civilian timecards were not properly approved by supervisors, or entered into the Defense Civilian Personnel System in a timely manner.

These inaccuracies have resulted in overpayments, underpayments, or, in some cases, no payments, according to the study.

"This standardized system will provide transparency and auditability," said John Koski, director of Air Force Information Systems and Technology.

"When your boss spends two hours every other week signing time cards, that's time that person isn't making sure

that aircraft are being repaired or ready to fly," said Bennett.

The Air Force is not the first service branch to use the system.

"This system has been around for about 10 years. The Army is already using it and the Navy is looking to use it," Yarish said. "Therefore its track record provides confidence to use the system Air Force-wide."

The first bases to receive the ATAAPS system are Barksdale Air Force Base, La., Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., Minot Air Force Base, N.D., F.E. Warren, Wyo., and Malmstrom Air Force Base, Mont.

"I think this is a great step forward," Bennett said. I hope folks approach this system with an open mind and embrace this opportunity."

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in San Antonio.

"This is a great recognition and a lot of hard work and effort was done by numerous individuals for BAMC to be nominated and chosen for this prestigious award," said Maj. Gen. M. Ted Wong, commanding general of Southern Regional Medical Command and BAMC.

"Many hours were devoted to completing the initial survey that was required for the nomination packet."

The nation's most wired hospitals leverage the adoption and use of health information technology to improve performance in a number of areas, according to Health Care's Most Wired 2012 Survey.

The survey results demonstrate that BAMC, which includes all Army facilities in San Antonio

(the San Antonio Military Medical Center and Army outpatient health clinics), is focused on expanding and adopting IT that protects patient data, and optimizes patient flow and communications.

Hospitals must meet the requirements for four focus areas: infrastructure; business and administrative management; clinical quality and safety (inpatient/outpatient services hospital); clinical integration (ambulatory/physician/patient/community).

If any of these requirements is not met, then the organization did not achieve the "Most Wired" designation.

"The selection board acknowledged the many clinical IM/IT improvements made over the past year to support our hospital staff. It was a job well done by many," Wong added.

Army provost marshal urges vigilance, speaking up to thwart terrorism

By William Garbe
Army News Service

Speaking up about suspicious activity is always the first-line defense against terrorism, said a top Army antiterrorism official.

"Antiterrorism is about people saying something," said Maj. Gen. David Quantock, provost marshal general of the Army. Quantock discussed the Army's antiterrorism initiatives in advance of the upcoming Antiterrorism Awareness Month in August.

"I think in this time, in this day and age, where there are people out there that mean us harm, it requires all of us to be part of this antiterrorism effort and keep our vigilance and our focus up," Quantock said.

As part of Antiterrorism Awareness Month, Soldiers will be educated about and reminded to participate in the iWatch program. That program operates like a neighborhood watch program, Quantock said.

Soldiers, civilians and families are encouraged to recognize and report suspicious activity to law-enforcement agents. Reports filed in iWatch are then passed to the FBI's larger "eGuardian" system, which connects law-enforcement agencies and intelligence organizations at all levels of government, across the United States.

While technology is an important part of detecting and preventing terrorist activity, at the most basic level, antiterrorism efforts are actually cost-free; they involve Soldiers, their families, and Army civilians to simply keep their eyes open and to remain alert to that which stands out as unusual.

"Antiterrorism [efforts] can be people like you and I walking around our post, camp and stations," Quantock said. "That's probably the most important, most cost-effective way."

The general said unusual or suspicious activity could include vehicles parked illegally, unseasonable or ill-fitting clothing, and persons loitering around or taking pictures of a sensitive area, post or access control point.

"All of these kinds of things that look suspicious really need to be reported to law-enforcement officials, and they'll do something about it," Quantock said.

The general said consequences of not being vigilant could include a compromise of national security or military and civilian deaths or injuries.

Integrating antiterrorism measures into the contract support process is also an Army initiative. Quantock said military contracts over \$150,000 must now undergo an antiterrorism review to ensure contracts do not violate operational security. He also said measures must be taken to make certain contractors have been properly vetted and trained before being brought into the Army community.

"We have many folks working around (and) on our installations, supporting our installations," Quantock said. "We've got to make sure that they're actually trying to help us and not trying to hurt us."

Quantock also said the lessons from the November 2009 shooting at Fort Hood have helped the Army identify insider threats.

"From looking at the Fort Hood study we have found many gaps and seams in our personnel, our behavioral, and our law-enforcement systems that really needed to be brought together," Quantock said.

The general said the military training and culture of getting involved and taking action goes hand in hand with antiterrorism.

Unlike civilians out in the community, who might fear involvement in, or cooperation with a police investigation, even if it means catching a wrongdoer in their own community, Soldiers, he said, take pride in doing what is right.

"All I would say is if you see something, say something," Quantock said. "Get involved. Don't be a bystander."

"Make a difference out there for your community, make a difference out there for your Army, and make a difference for your nation. By doing that, you may save someone's life someday."



See it, Send it

Texting 838-4531

Email: usaf.jbsa.502-abw.mbx.fsh-police

Phone: 221-CLUE (2583) Leave a message

Phone: 221-2222 Law Enforcement Desk

OSI: 671-4000

Take the Dare and Be Aware

What Should I Report?

Give as many details as you can. Here is a checklist to help you.

1. The date and time.
2. Where it happened.
3. What you witnessed.
4. A description of who was involved
 - Male or female?
 - How tall?
 - Build?
 - Hair color, skin color, age?
 - English speaking or another language?
5. Was there a car? Note the license plate number.
6. Have you seen this activity in your neighborhood before?

How Do I Report?

Pick up the phone and make a report:

- ★ Call your local military police station and speak to a desk officer who will take your report.
- ★ Call local law enforcement. An expert will listen and advise.
- ★ In an emergency call 911 or equivalent.

All information will be kept confidential. Information submitted will be carefully assessed and, if warranted, investigated by trained investigators. All information gathered and all investigative activity will be subject to strict policies designed to protect the privacy and civil liberties of American citizens while protecting our Nation from terrorism.

What Activities Do I Report?

Here are examples of behaviors and activities to report:

- ★ People drawing or measuring important buildings.
- ★ Strangers asking questions about security forces or security procedures.
- ★ A briefcase, suitcase, backpack or package left behind.
- ★ Cars or trucks left in No Parking zones in front of important buildings.
- ★ Intruders found in secure areas.
- ★ A person wearing clothes that are too big and bulky and/or too hot for the weather.
- ★ Chemical smells or fumes that worry you.
- ★ Questions about sensitive information such as building blueprints, security plans or VIP travel schedules without a right or need to know.
- ★ Purchasing supplies or equipment that can be used to make bombs or weapons or purchasing uniforms without having the proper credentials.

MEDCOM, Army South mission improves eyesight for Dominicans

By Lt. Col. Antwan C. Williams
ARSOUTH Public Affairs

An annual cataract medical readiness training exercise conducted by Army South and the Army Medical Command has provided humanitarian services and improved eyesight for hundreds of citizens in the Dominican Republic. The exercise ran from July 10 to 27.

The cataract medical mission was planned by MEDCOM and ARSOUTH and led by Col. (Dr.) Darrell "Casey" Carlton, an ophthalmologist from Madigan Healthcare System at Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Wash.

This was Carlton's third time leading a medical mission in the Dominican Republic. He said the major difference this year was more host nation physicians leading and participating in much of the effort.

"What we've been doing here for the last few years has not only improved the eyesight of countless Dominicans, it has truly helped build partner nation capacity because we now have, more than ever before, host nation physicians who are trained and providing much of the care during this exercise," Carlton said.

Army South command surgeon Col. (Dr.) Dan Berliner said missions like this one support U.S. Southern Command's theater security cooperation by, "improving the lives of people in our region by giving them sight," while working alongside host nation physicians to help improve interoperability, "to build partner nation



Photos by Lt. Col. Antwan C. Williams

2nd Lt. Avila Lopez, a physician and third year medical resident with the Army of the Dominican Republic, prepares a Dominican child for eye surgery July 23. The team of Dominican and U.S. medical personnel conducted more than 350 eye surgeries.

capacity and provide positive images to partner nations in the SOUTHCOM area of responsibility."

The area of responsibility for SOUTHCOM and ARSOUTH includes 31 nations and 15 areas of special sovereignty in Central

and South America and the Caribbean.

The two commands have conducted dozens of medical readiness and training exercises in its AOR each year over the last decade.

"These MEDRETEs

have not only provided basic healthcare to rural populations in various countries, but are an excellent vehicle for medical personnel to receive training often in austere and difficult environments that are not easily replicated anywhere else," Carlton explained.

Maj. Eric Weber, an Army ophthalmologist from Walter Reed Medical Center in Bethesda, Md., and on his first MEDRETE, echoed Carlton's view of training, "I see more patients here with strabismus in a two-week mission than I would in an entire year of practice back home."

Strabismus is a type of surgical procedure on the extraocular muscles to correct the misalignment of the eyes.

Of the more than 350 eye surgeries the team conducted in two weeks, about 20 percent of them



U.S. Army 1st Lt. Jennifer Richards, a nurse with the post-anesthesia care unit, from Madigan Health Care System at Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Wash., helps a Dominican staff member (left) while a father holds his daughter following her eye surgery.

have been for strabismus.

The remaining procedures were primarily for cataract, refractive and nonrefractive and droopy eyelid issues or procedures.

Weber says there is no other training environment like this where one gains so much experience in such a short period of time.

Col. (Dr.) Arturo Aquino Espinal, Army of the Dominican Republic, chief of the ophthalmology department at the Central Hospital of the Armed Forces in Santo Domingo, where the two-week mission is taking place said, "Building relationships among our colleagues from both countries has been amazing."

"Working alongside the U.S. doctors, I've done more than a dozen eye surgeries in two days," Espinal said.

The medical mission also provided an opportunity for Dominican doctors, third and fourth-year medical residents, to train and conduct surgery alongside U.S. military ophthalmologists.

"The willingness of the American doctors to teach them [the residents] the techniques and let them work hands on, so they are really happy about it," said Lt. Col. (Dr.) Robert Risk, an Army of the Dominican

Republic ophthalmologist.

Dr. Marcela Mejia, a Dominican physician and fourth-year medical resident, has conducted several eye procedures this week, while working alongside U.S. ophthalmologists.

"It has been amazing. They have been super nice...they teach you the techniques they use," said Mejia.

A further testament to the success and importance of the medical mission is when U.S. Ambassador to the Dominican Republic, Raul H. Yzaguirre, showed up at the hospital July 23 to thank the medical team and meet with patients.

"The ambassador's visit and the satisfaction of seeing parents smile after a procedure has dramatically improved their children's eyes have been some of the most rewarding experiences," said Col. (Dr.) Kevin Winkle, from Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson, Alaska.

"There is nothing more satisfying than seeing the look on a parent's face when you made their child's eyes straight or certainly the look on somebody's face who couldn't see and the next day the light of day has kind of dawned on them in a new and personal way," Winkle added.



Col. (Dr.) Arturo Aquino Espinal (right), from the Army of the Dominican Republic and chief of ophthalmology at the Central Hospital of the Armed Forces in Santo Domingo conducts eye surgery on a patient July 25. Dominican physicians, including medical interns and medical residents, worked side by side with U.S. military doctors and ophthalmologists as part of a U.S. Army Medical Command and U.S. Army South-planned medical readiness and training exercise July 10 through 27.

August is National Immunization and Influenza Vaccination Awareness Month

By Kirk Frady
MEDCOM Public Affairs

Immunizations are the best protection against disease and have saved more lives than any other medical measure in history. That's why August has been designated as National Immunization and Influenza Vaccination Awareness Month.

It is critically important that every service member, family member, civilian and health beneficiary receive all required immunizations – and especially their influenza vaccinations – to ensure that America's military is a healthy and mission ready force.

"Immunizations have prevented approximately 42,000 deaths and 20 million cases of disease over the past decade," said Col. Richard Looney, director of the Army's Military Vaccination Program.

"Those preventive efforts have also saved billions of dollars in related healthcare costs and total societal costs," Looney added. "Morbidity from vaccine-preventable diseases has fallen

90 percent or more for most diseases since last century."

A majority of disease outbreaks in the United States occur among unvaccinated or inadequately vaccinated populations.

Measles made an unwelcome comeback, partly because unvaccinated people traveled to Europe, contracted the disease and returned home.

Incidence of pertussis, known as whooping cough, have increased largely due to vaccination coverage rates going down, resulting in a recommendation from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention that everyone receive a lifetime booster dose of a pertussis-containing vaccine.

Other vaccine-preventable diseases include polio, mumps, rubella, chickenpox, meningococcal disease, pneumonia, tetanus, diphtheria, human

papillomavirus, shingles, and Haemophilus influenza B.

The dominant strain of influenza during

the upcoming flu season is still expected to be the H1N1 strain from the 2009 pandemic.

"H1N1 is still circulating, but due to outstanding efforts and immunization campaigns of the past few years, people are more aware and likely to be adequately protected during the height of flu season," Looney said.

"Influenza immunization rates have gone up every year, and there's no reason to expect they won't go up again during the 2012-13 season," he added. "Immunization is the very best protection against disease and related complications. Vaccines are

safe and effective, and have saved more lives than any other medical measure in history."

A common misconception is that vaccinations are just for children. Everyone over the age of six months should receive a seasonal flu shot every year. Infection from influenza viruses can result in illness ranging from mild to severe and may cause life-threatening complications. However, there are certain groups that should not receive the vaccination.

For instance, persons with altered immune competence are at high risk for influenza infections and should be vaccinated with trivalent inactivated influenza virus vaccine. Live virus vaccines are contraindicated and should be postponed until after chemotherapy or long-term high-dose steroid therapy has ended.

Similarly, if a person has had a severe

allergic reaction to a vaccine, another dose is not recommended. However, a person with a mild, common illness, such as a cold with a low-grade fever, does not have to wait to be vaccinated.

Some people should not be vaccinated against the flu without first consulting a physician. These include:

- People with severe allergies to chicken eggs.
- People who have previously had a severe reaction to influenza vaccination.
- People with a history of Guillain-Barré syndrome, a potentially deadly muscle disorder.
- Children younger than six months of age
- People who are acutely ill with a fever.

Certain people are at a higher risk for flu complications and vaccination is especially important to decrease their risk of severe illness. These include:

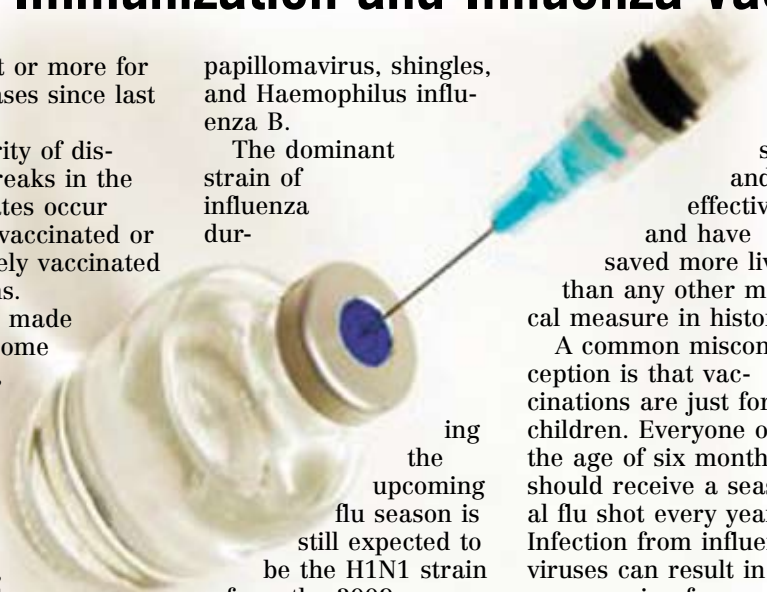
- Pregnant women
- Children younger than five and especially children under two.
- People 65 years of age and older.

- American Indians and Alaskan Natives.
- People of any age with certain chronic medical conditions.
- People who are morbidly obese.
- People who live in nursing homes.

Flu vaccinations are also available at no cost to beneficiaries from any TRICARE-authorized provider or at any participating pharmacies. To find a participating pharmacy, call 1-877-363-1303 or go to <http://www.express-scripts.com/TRICARE/pharmacy/>.

For more information on vaccinations, visit the following websites:

- Military Vaccine (MILVAX) Agency website: <http://www.vaccines.mil/>
- Vaccines Healthcare Center Network (VHC): <http://www.vhcinfo.org/>
- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC): <http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines>
- Immunization Action Coalition: <http://www.immunize.org>
- American Academy of Pediatrics: <http://www.aap.org>.



ARSOUTH CONNECTS IN INTRAMURAL SOFTBALL WIN



Photo by Deyanira Romo Rossell

Sgt. Michael Benavides from U.S. Army South connects during the championship intramural game against the U.S. Army Installation Command on Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston July 23. Benavides and his team ended up taking the win, 19-18. The matchup is part of the Permanent Party Cadre Intramural Softball program.

Back-to-School Bash offers necessities, fun

By Deyanira Romo Rossell
502nd FSS Marketing

While the temperature screams summer, the calendar tells a different story.

For those who choose to embrace the start of a new school year, the 502nd Force Support Squadron offers the annual Back-to-School Bash from 9 to 11 a.m. Aug. 11 at the Keith A. Campbell Memorial Library, Building 1222 on Harney Path.

Back-to-school revelers are invited to bring their backpacks so sponsors from the local community, along with representatives from the 502nd FSS and other installation organizations, can stuff them with an assortment of school supplies. The bash also includes

complimentary refreshments, bounce houses and prizes.

"The annual Back-to-School Bash is one of the most anticipated 502nd FSS events on JBSA-Fort Sam Houston," said Terrence Frost, 502nd FSS deputy director. "It gets the children pumped up for another school year and serves as a great opportunity for our military families to get to know one another."

The Bash also serves as the official end of the summer reading program at the library.

Participants in the "Reading is so Delicious" program may cash in their reading points for prizes during the bash.

Children must be present at the Back-to-School Bash with their parent with a valid Department



Photo by Deyanira Romo Rossell

Kids stock up on school supplies during the 2011 Back-to-School Bash.

of Defense identification card to receive the supplies, which are available

while they last.

For more information, call 221-2307.

CHAPEL WORSHIP SCHEDULE

PROTESTANT SERVICES

Main Post (Gift) Chapel
Building 2200, 1605 Wilson Way
8 and 11 a.m. - Traditional

Dodd Field Chapel
Building 1721, 3600 Dodd Blvd.
8:30 a.m. - Samoan
10:30 a.m. - Gospel

**Army Medical Department
Regimental Chapel**
Building 1398, 3545 Garden Ave.
9:20 a.m. - 32nd Medical Brigade
Collective Service

**Brooke Army Medical
Center Chapel**
Building 3600,
3851 Roger Brooke Rd.
10 a.m. - Traditional

Evans Auditorium
Building 1396, 1396 Garden Ave.
11:01 - Contemporary
"Crossroads"

CATHOLIC SERVICES

Daily Mass
Brooke Army Medical Center Chapel
Building 3600,
3851 Roger Brooke Rd.

*For worship opportunities of faith groups not listed here,
please visit the Fort Sam Houston Chaplain's website at
<http://www.samhouston.army.mil/chaplain>.*

11:05 a.m., Monday through Friday

Main Post (Gift) Chapel
Building 2200, 1605 Wilson Way
11:30 a.m., Monday through Friday

Saturday
Main Post (Gift) Chapel
4:45 p.m. - Reconciliation
5:30 p.m. - Evening Mass

Sunday
8 a.m. - Morning Mass, AMEDD
8:30 a.m. - Morning Mass, BAMC
9:30 a.m. - Morning Mass, MPC
11:30 a.m. - Morning Mass, BAMC
12:30 p.m. - Morning Mass, DFC

JEWISH SERVICES


8 p.m. - Jewish Worship,
Friday, MPC
8:30 p.m. - Oneg Shabbat,
Friday, MPC

ISLAMIC SERVICE

1:30 p.m. - Jummah,
Friday, AMEDD

LATTER DAY SAINTS SERVICES

1 p.m. - LDS Worship, Sunday,
AMEDD



ScreamFree Parenting with Hal Runkel

The Family Life Program offers a return of ScreamFree Parenting with Hal Runkel from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Aug. 2 and from 9 to 10:30 a.m. Aug. 3 at the Dodd Field Chapel. Runkel is a licensed therapist, relationship coach, international speaker and organizational consultant. He is also the author of "ScreamFree Parenting," "ScreamFree Marriage," and "The Self-Centered Marriage." For the Aug. 2 group, a light dinner will be provided. Limited onsite childcare is available for Child, Youth and School Service-registered children. For more information or to register, call the Family Life Program at 221-0349.

Unit Family Readiness Training

Aug. 2, 10-11 a.m., Roadrunner Community Center, Building 2797, call 221-1829 or 221-0946.

Immigration Service

Aug. 2, noon-2 p.m., Roadrunner

Community Service, Building 2797, call 221-1372 or 221-9698.

Wounded Warrior Scramble At JBSA-FSH Golf Course

The Wounded Warrior Golf Scramble has a 12:30 p.m. shotgun start Aug. 3 at the Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston Golf Club, 1050 Harry Wurzbach Road. The cost is \$25 for members and \$35 for nonmembers. Includes 18 holes, dinner, gift certificates for the winners of the longest drive and the closest to the hole and for first, second and third place. For more information, call 222-9386.

Self Paced Initial First Termer Financial Readiness

Aug. 4, noon-4 p.m., Roadrunner Community Center, Building 2797, call 221-1612.

Flea Market

Aug. 4, 7 a.m.-1 p.m., MacArthur Parade Field, call 221-5224.

EFMP Equestrian Camp

Aug. 6-10 and again Aug.13-17, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston Equestrian Stables. Camp is free for ages

7 to 18 year olds, but limited slots are available. A current Exceptional Family Member Program enrollment/summary report is required to complete registration. Call 221-2962 or sign-up online at <http://military-families.wufoo.com/forms/fort-sam-houston-equestrian-camp/>.

StepFamilies 101

Aug. 6, 13, 20 and 27, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., Roadrunner Community Center, Building 2797, call 221-0349.

ScreamFree Parenting

Aug. 6, 13, 20 and 27, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., Roadrunner Community Center, Building 2797, call 221-0349.

Electronic Banking

Aug. 6, 2-4 p.m., Roadrunner Community Center, Building 2797, call 221-2380.

ScreamFree Marriage

Aug. 6, 9 and 13, 6-7:30 p.m., Roadrunner Community Center, Building 2797, call 221-0349.

Rear Detachment Training

Aug. 7, 8 a.m.-3:30 p.m.,

Roadrunner Community Center, Building 2797, call 221-1829 or 221-0946.

HUGS playgroup

Aug. 7, 9-11 a.m., Middle School Teen Center, Building 2515, call 221-0349 or 221-2418.

Building Effective Anger Management Skills

Aug. 7, 14, 21, 28, Sept. 4 and 11, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at the Red Cross, Building 2650, call 221-0349.

Risk Assessment

Aug. 7, 2-4 p.m., Roadrunner Community Center, Building 2797, call 221-2380.

Bringing Baby Home

Aug. 8 and 22, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Red Cross, Building 2650, call 221-0349.

Talk is Cheap

Aug. 8 and 15, 9-10 a.m., Roadrunner Community Center, Building 2797, call 221-0349.

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Unit Trauma Training

Aug. 8, 10-11 a.m. and 5-6 p.m., Roadrunner Community Center, Building 2797, call 221-1829 or 221-0946.

24/7 Dads

Aug. 8, 15, 22 and 29, noon-2 p.m., Roadrunner Community Center, Building 2797, call 221-0349.

First Termer Financial Readiness

Aug. 8, noon-4 p.m., Roadrunner Community Center, Building 2797. Class is web-based and self-paced, call 221-1612.

Overseas Orientation

Aug. 8, noon-2 p.m., Roadrunner Community Center, Building 2797, call 221-1372 or 221-9698.

Outdoor Movie Night With 'The Muppets'

Aug. 11, 30 minutes after sunset, main flagpole. Moviegoers may bring lawn chairs or blankets. Free snow cones, popcorn and cotton candy during the event. Call 221-1718.

Middle School Teen Center Offers Summer Tours

The JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Middle School Summer Teen Tours for students in grades 8 -12 are

in full swing. Activities run weekly through Aug. 28 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. For some longer trips, departure and return times may vary. The cost of the trips is \$55 per week which includes afternoon snacks, lunch and entry fees to any activities. All trips depart from the Middle School & Teen Center, Building 2515, Funston Road. For more information, call 221-3386.

Car Buying Strategies

The Financial Readiness Program will offer a car buying strategies class from 2 to 4 p.m. Aug. 30 at the Roadrunner Community Center, Building 2797. Call 221-2380.

Armed Forces Action Plan

The Armed Force Action Plan Conference will be held Nov. 13-16. People can submit issues and/or volunteer to participate in this annual event. Call 221-2336 for more information.

EFMP Morgan's Wonderland Resource Fair

Oct.13, 10:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. For more information on this annual event, call 221-2962.

Joint Base San Antonio Special Olympics

The Exceptional Family Member Program will hold a Joint Base San Antonio Special Olympics 9

Edwards Aquifer Level

in feet above sea level as of Aug.1

CURRENT LEVEL* = 642.0'

*determines JBSA water conservation stage

Normal - above 660'

Stage I - 660'

Stage II - 650'

Stage III - 642'

Stage IV - 640.5'

Stage V - 637'

For water restrictions, visit <http://www.502abw.af.mil>.



Weekly Weather Watch

	Aug 2	Aug 3	Aug 4	Aug 5	Aug 6	Aug 7
San Antonio Texas	105° Sunny	105° Sunny	100° Partly Cloudy	100° Sunny	102° Mostly Sunny	100° Mostly Sunny
Kabul Afghanistan	95° Sunny	93° Sunny	90° Sunny	88° Sunny	89° Sunny	91° Sunny

(Source: The Weather Channel at www.weather.com)

a.m.-noon Nov. 3 on JBSA-Fort Sam Houston. For more information or to volunteer, call 221-2962.

Fitness and Sports Athlete of the Year

Service members participating in intramural sports programs, monthly sporting events, varsity or extramural sports are eligible

for nomination as the Athlete of the Year. Activities performed throughout the calendar year will be evaluated. An Athlete of the Year will be selected for each branch of service. Nomination packages are available at any of the Fort Sam Houston fitness centers or online

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FOR SALE: 21-inch Weedeater lawnmower, only used twice since purchased, replaced with an electric mower. Call 951-489-9809.

FOR SALE: White 1996 Nissan Maxima, four-door, five-speed, cold air, great tires, AM/FM CD, around 200K miles, maintenance records available as well as consult with mechanic, does need two repairs, \$2,399. Call 659-6741.

FOR SALE: Brand-new Rascal electric wheelchair with detachable legs, instruction manual included, \$700. Call 661-3765.

FOR SALE: Lumber, 2x8 inches and 20 feet long and 2x6 inches and 14 feet long boards and solid wood French doors, make offer; 5-gallon container of semi-transparent deck stain at half-price; new bicycle helmet \$15; new Oakley sun glasses with hard case \$65; computer desk, 41 inches long, 16 inches wide, 28 inches high, \$17. Call 313-0061.



Warrant Officer Association

The Lone Star Silver Chapter of the U.S. Army Warrant Officer Association will meet at 5:30 p.m. Aug. 20 at the Longhorn Café, 1003 Rittiman Rd. All active duty, retired, Reserve, National Guard warrant officers and family members of current or retired warrant officers are invited. Call 221-7327 or 475-2565.

Van Autreve Sergeants Major Association

The SMA Leon L. Van Autreve Sergeants Major Association meets the third Thursday of each month at 5 p.m. at the Longhorn Café, 1003 Rittiman Rd. All active duty, Reserve, National Guard and retired sergeants major are invited and encouraged to attend. Call 221-0584 or 889-8212.

Foster a Puppy

The Department of Defense dog breeding program needs families

to foster puppies for three months. Potential foster families need time and patience to raise a puppy age 12 weeks to six months, a stimulating and safe home environment and a desire to help raise a military working dog. Call 671-3686 for more information.

Blue Star Museums Free for Military

Blue Star Museums, a collaboration among the National Endowment for the Arts, Blue Star Families, the Department of Defense, and more than 1,600 museums across America to offer free admission to all active duty military personnel, including active Reserve and National Guard, and their families from Memorial Day through Labor Day 2012. San Antonio attractions honoring this include The Alamo, Casa Navarro State Historic Site, Institute of Texan Cultures, McNay Art Museum, San Antonio Museum of Art, Southwest School of Art and Villa Finale. Visit <http://arts.gov> for more details.

Morgan's Wonderland Hours Changing

Morgan's Wonderland will open

earlier on most days during the 2012 summer season. The theme park will open at 9 a.m. Saturdays through Aug. 25; 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesdays through Fridays, through Aug. 17; and 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sundays, through Aug. 26. The park is closed Mondays during August. Visit <http://www.MorgansWonderland.com>.

Quarry Farmers and Ranchers Market

Every Sunday, rain or shine, from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Quarry Market adjacent to Whole Foods Market, 255 E. Basse Rd. Some vendors offer military discounts, live entertainment and kid's activities. Visit <http://quarryfarmersmarket.com> or call 722-5077.

Complimentary SeaWorld Admission for Military

Throughout 2012, members of the military and as many as three direct dependents may enter SeaWorld, Busch Gardens or Sesame Place parks with a single-day complimentary admission through the Here's to Heroes program. Visit <http://www.herosalute.com/cavatx/index.html>.

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at <http://fortsammmwr.com>. The deadline for submission is Nov. 30. Call 808-5710.

Sportsman Range

The sportsman range is open Saturdays and Sundays, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at Joint Base San Antonio-Camp Bullis. Participants are required to provide their own equipment for the range. Cost is \$5/DOD ID card holder. Call 295-7529.

Air Force Education & Training Center

From 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, relocated to a temporary building at 2427 Hood St. Call 221-2135.

Basic Skills Education Program

Classes are Monday-Friday 7:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. for a period of 14 working days. Service members will receive instruction in reading comprehension, vocabulary, and math skills. The class is designed to teach basic college preparatory skills to service members with a GT score less than

110. Call 221-1738 to enroll.

Sports Scores

For Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston and 32nd Medical Brigade intramural sports results, visit <http://bit.ly/MWRsports>.

Stilwell House

The Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston Stilwell House, a historic landmark since 1888, is open for tours, receptions and parties. The Stilwell House is managed by the Society for the Preservation of Historic Fort Sam Houston, Inc. a 501(C)(3) corporation not affiliated with the Department of Defense. Call 224-4030 or 655-0577.

ROTC Green to Gold

The 5th Brigade Army ROTC will conduct a Green to Gold Program brief on the second Monday of each month excluding training and federal holidays. Briefings will be at 2 p.m. at the Post Education Center, Building 2248, Room 207C. For more information, call 295-2006, 295-0429, 458-5607 or 436-3415.

Cloverleaf Communicators Club

Meetings are held the first and third Thursday of every month 11:45 a.m.-1 p.m. at San Antonio Credit Union, Stanley Road, in the conference room. Call 916-3406 or 221-8785 or visit <http://power-talkinternational.com/>.

Future Speakers on the Horizon

Enjoy food and develop public speaking and leadership skills the second and fourth Wednesday of each month, noon-1 p.m. at the Joint Program Management Office, Building 4196. Call 295-4921.

Sergeant Audie Murphy Club

The SMA Leon L. Van Autreve Chapter of the Sergeant Audie Murphy Club meets the last Thursday of each month, noon-1 p.m. at the Army Medical Department Museum. Call 221-4424 or 837-9956.

Retired Enlisted Association

Chapter 80 of the Retired Enlisted Association meets at 1 p.m. on the fourth Wednesday of each month at the Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland Gateway Club. Call 658-2344.